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Summary: cable 7239 restates letter dated 9/12/90 from Cardoen, wherein Cardoen wrote a ltr to Ambassador requesting FAA supplemental type certificate for cardoen's bell 206L Helicopter. Cardoen states his policy against selling militarized version of the helicopter to Iraq. Also says that Cardoen has contract with U.S. firm called Global Helicopter Technology, Inc., of Fort Worth, Tx. Says he will sign all export responsibility to GHTI.

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cable number 4481: 6/15/90: Death of British Journalist raises questions. local media have picked up on a conspiracy theory launched in the british press which alleges that the journalist was murdered to cover up the company's plans to sell a modified US helicopter to Iraq for military purposes. local reporters thing this motive imporbable, but suspect the chilean company has been actively involved in the illegal transfer of sensitive technology, possibly even including asst to iraq in its efforts to build nuclear weapons. Cardoen's links with a U.S. company in the development of a helicopter that can be configured for military use is likely to com. under increased scrutiny. Cardoen is mentioned as having been involved in the killing of the british newspaper journalist "Moyle." Cardoen, at a press conference in 5/90, denied any link betw thw 206L project and the moyle killing.. Cardoen acknowledged his close relationship with Iraq, but said there were no plans to sell the 206L to Iraq. A local journalist (sohr) who specializes in military affairs has raised questions about cardoen's involvement with the iraqi efforts to build med range nuclear weapons and/or a super cannon for tactical nuclear weapons for use against IS. Sohr recounts cardoen's involvement with the cannon which s african weapons builder armacor currently sells to iraq. Sohr also has also suggested that cardoen is a major player in the intl arms mkt and has skirted US

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Cardoen's business relationship with Iraq and s africa is well known. cardoen exports cluster bombs made3 in chile to Iraq (sohr says 95% of its munitions factory is on the outskirts of baghdad) that although the GOC did not invite the Safricans to the trade show, that a safrican working for armacor showed up and manned the CI's booth. R

recent press report indicates that bell-textron turned down cardoen's original offer on the modified 206L-III project, and passed the businesson to Global Helicopter technology a company sthat is staffed by ex-bell employees that workds closely with bell. according to the report, ght is ci's us partner and has managed the faa certification process. b/a 3

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